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The Honorable Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon
Governor
State Capitol, Room 216
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Governor Nixon:

Attached you will find the Family Support Division – Child Support Enforcement’s Centralized Collections Progress Report. According to RSMo 454.565, the division is required to report to the General Assembly regarding the Family Support Payment Center by December 1st of each year.

If you have any questions, please contact Alyson Campbell at 573-751-4247.

Respectfully,

Ronald J. Levy
Director

Attachment

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Family Support Payment Center (FSPC) Progress Report
Family Support Division-Child Support Enforcement
December 2010

As a result of state fiscal year (SFY) 2004 budget actions, the former Division of Child Support Enforcement (now "Family Support Division"), within the Department of Social Services, transferred Missouri's centralized support collection functions (the state disbursement unit) to the Department of Revenue in SFY 2004. Systems and Methods, Inc., through a contract with the Department of Revenue operates the state disbursement unit referred to as the Family Support Payment Center (FSPC). The Family Support Division, the IV-D agency for the State of Missouri, continues to retain statutory responsibility and accountability for the FSPC.

The FSPC operates six days per week, averaging 13 hours per day. The FSPC receives payments in their computer system on the day received. Nightly, the FSPC system interfaces electronically with the Missouri Automated Child Support System (MACSS) to post payments. Once posted to a member, case or order number, MACSS distributes payments and produces a disbursement file. The following morning, MACSS transmits the disbursement file to the FSPC. The FSPC then disburses ninety-eight percent (98%) of payments to recipients electronically by direct deposit or on his or her SecuritE Card. The remaining two percent (2%) of disbursements are made by check.

The FSPC uses electronic methods to receive and disburse support funds.

- Electronic methods available for transmitting funds to the FSPC include:
 - On-line payment transmission;
 - Electronic funds transfer (EFT)/electronic data interchange (EDI); and
 - Automatic withdrawal from a designated bank account.
- Electronic methods available for receiving support funds from the FSPC include:
 - Direct deposit to a designated bank account; and
 - Electronic transfer to the SecuritE Card. (Currently over 151,000 payees receive payments on the SecuritE Card).

Current average production operating statistics are as follows:

- Paper receipts processed per day: 3,872 (average low) to 28,632 (average high) *
- Dollar value of paper receipts processed per day: \$688,000 (average low) to \$3.7 million (average high). *
- Average turnaround time (posting to disbursement): 24 hours.
- Collection exceptions, such as unidentified items and insufficient funds, are resolved within five business days of receipt 100% of the time.
- Average electronic receipts processed daily: 5,475.
- Average dollar value of electronic receipts processed per day: \$840,268.

* Does not include electronic receipts.

Systems and Methods, Inc., provides a call center for FSPC questions and customer service. Current average customer service operating statistics are as follows:

- Total average calls answered per day: 715

- Average calls per day from employer line: 25
- Average calls per day from state agency line: 9
- Average calls per day from parent line: 680
- Average percentage rate of calls answered by first ring: 100%
- Average correspondence resolved per day: 750

Correspondence that requires action by state agency, circuit clerk, or prosecuting attorney is forwarded to the appropriate entity within 48 hours.

Cost Savings from processing payments electronically:

- Costs for electronic receipts are 39 cents versus \$1.39 to process a paper receipt.
- Electronic disbursements are free when transferred to the card or by paper check and 23 cents for a direct deposit.

FSPC expenditures incurred are as follows:

	<u>Implementation Cost</u>	<u>Postage</u>	<u>Customer Service</u>	<u>Transactions (Paper/EFT)</u>
FY 00*	\$1,400,000		\$306,726	\$3,401,769
FY 01			\$669,226	\$6,503,106
FY 02			\$933,038	\$6,893,585
FY 03			\$722,397	\$7,150,827
FY 04		\$128,723	\$695,632	\$7,270,332
FY 05		\$442,158	\$245,326	\$6,733,088
FY 06		\$437,644	\$248,232	\$6,747,288
FY 07		\$476,741	\$237,174	\$4,577,450
FY 08		\$505,830	\$252,575	\$4,609,693
FY 09		\$536,805	\$268,255	\$4,664,311
FY 10		\$562,178	\$222,814	\$4,130,544
FY 11 (through October)		\$184,731	\$65,535	\$1,372,196

*The FSPC began operating in October of 1999.

The FSPC began sending billing statements and coupons to noncustodial parents in August 2003. A new FSPC contract was effective March 29, 2006.